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FROM: AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE

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TOFAS 24 SA7043; 1. FOLLOWING ARE PARTICULARS OF POLICY ON
IMPORTATION OF ANIMALS INTO SOUTH AFRICA AS PUBLISHED ON APRIL 7,
1977 IN THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE:

2. THE SECRETARY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL TECHNICAL
SERVICES HAS ANNOUNCED PARTICULARS OF THE POLICY IN CONNECTION WITH THE

IMPORTATION OF PEDIGREE LIVESTOCK. A TEMPORARY EMBARGO WAS PLACED ON
THE IMPORTATION OF PEDIGREE LIVESTOCK IN JULY LAST YEAR. THROUGH MANY
YEARS THERE HAS BEEN A SYSTEM OF CONTINUED, LARGE-SCALE
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IMPORTATION OF BREEDING ANIMALS WHICH, TOGETHER WITH A WELL
ESTABLISHED STUD BOOK ORGANISATION, LED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A
STORE OF VALUABLE BLOODLINES OF LIVESTOCK IN THE REPUBLIC.
IT, HOWEVER, BECAME CLEAR THAT, IF LARGE SCALE IMPORTATIONS WERE
ALLOWED TO CONTINUE UNCONTROLLED, ANY NATIONAL SCIENTIFIC
LIVESTOCK IMPROVEMENT SCHEME COULD BE JEOPARDIZED. THE VIEWS AND
DECISION OF THE DEPARTMENT IN THIS REGARD WRE FULLY SUPPORTED BY THE

SOUTH AFRICAN STUD BOOK ASSOCIATION. THE MINISTER HAS APPOINTED AN INTERIM ADVISORY BOARD FOR ANIMAL PRODUCTION CONSISTING OF SCIENTISTS WORKING IN THIS FIELD AND OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE MAIN BRANCHES OF THE LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY. THIS BODY WILL BE REPLACED BY A STATUTORY ADVISORY BOARD THIS YEAR IN TERMS OF LEGISLATION RECENTLY PASSED IN PARLIAMENT. IT WILL ACT AS AN ADVISORY BODY INTER ALIA IN RESPECT OF THE VARIOUS MEASURES TO BE TAKEN TO ADAPT THE IMPORTATION OF BREEDING MATERIAL TO ESSENTIAL LOCAL REQUIREMENTS. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT SELECTIVE IMPORTATION OF CERTAIN BREEDING STOCK WILL HAVE TO CONTINUE IN ORDER TO AVAIL OURSELVES OF THE BENEFITS OFFERED BY SUPERIOR GENETIC MATERIAL OBTAINABLE ABROAD. ALSO IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING THE BREEDS ALREADY EXISTING IN THE COUNTRY IT MAY IN SOME INSTANCES BE NECESSARY TO CORRECT IDENTIFIED DEFICIENCIES BY JUDICIOUS IMPORTATIONS FROM OVERSEAS COUNTRIES. IMPORTATION OF LIVE ANIMALS WITH ITS CONCOMITANT DISADVANTAGES OF HIGH COST, RISK OF DISEASE AND WASTE OF TIME IS OUT-MODEE, HOWEVER, AND MUST GIVE WAY TO THE MORE MODERN METHOD OF IMPORTING SEMEN AND OVA.

ANY POLICY EMERGING FROM THE ADVICE GIVEN TO THE MINISTER BY THE ADVISORY BOARD WILL OF NECESSITY BE KEPT SUFFICIENTLY FLEXIBLE TO ALLOW FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF ESSENTIAL CHANGES WHEN NECESSARY. DETAILS OF THE POLICY EMANATING FROM THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE INTERIM ADVISORY BOARD AT ITS FIRST MEETING ARE AS FOLLOWS-

NEW BREEDS: NO IMPORTATIONS OF ANY NEW BREEDS NOT YET IN THE COUNTRY WILL BE CONSIDERED UNLESS SUCH BREEDS HAVE BEEN EVALUATED AND APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

CATTLE: IN GENERAL THERE IS NO REAL OR URGENT NEED FOR THE IMPORTATION OF MALE OR FEMALE ANIMALS OF THE CATTLE BREEDS.

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THE IMPORTATION OF SEMEN, OBTAINED FROM BEEF AND DAIRY ANIMALS OF SUPERIOR QUALITY IS PERMITTED PROVIDED THE APPLICATION FOR THE IMPORTATION OF SUCH SEMEN IS SUPPORTED BY A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE BREED SOCIETY CONCERNED VIA THE SOUTH AFRICAN STUD BOOK ASSOCIATION. IN EXCEPTIONAL CASES E.G. WHERE SEMEN IS UNOBTAINABLE, THE IMPORTATION OF BULLS MAY BE CONSIDERED BUT AGAIN ONLY ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE RELEVANT BREED SOCIETY AND THE SOUTH AFRICAN STUD BOOK ASSOCIATION.

SHEEP AND PIGS: SEMEN IMPORTATIONS WILL BE PERMITTED PROVIDED THE SEMEN COMPLIES WITH THE DESIRED STANDARD. IN VIEW, HOWEVER, OF THE FACT THAT SEMEN PRESERVATION IS NOT YET AT THE SAME STAGE OF ADVANCEMENT AND USE AS WITH CATTLE, APPLICATIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF RAMS AND BOARS WILL BE CONSIDERED ON THEIR MERITS. FAVOURABLE RECOMMENDATIONS (BASED UPON THE QUALITY OF THE ANIMALS TO BE IMPORTED) BY THE BREED SOCIETY CONCERNED AND THE SOUTH AFRICAN STUD BOOK ASSOCIATION WILL BE PREREQUISITES IN EACH CASE.

HORSES: THE CONDITION GOVERNING THE IMPORTATION OF CATTLE AND OTHER DOMESTIC ANIMALS WILL ALSO APPLY TO THOROUGHBREDS AND

OTHER BREEDS OF HORSES. THE INTRODUCTION OF SUPERIOR GENETIC MATERIAL FOR BREEDING PURPOSES WILL ONLY BE CONSIDERED ON THE SUBMISSION OF WELL MOTIVATED APPLICATIONS SUPPORTED BY THE RESPECTIVE BREED SOCIETIES AND THE S.A. STUD BOOK ASSOCIATION. GENERAL: WHEN APPLICATIONS ARE CONSIDERED FOR THE IMPORTATION OF ANIMALS BELONGING TO BREEDS OF WHICH THERE ARE ONLY SMALL NUMBERS OF ANIMALS IN SOUTH AFRICA THE ACTUAL NUMBER OF FEMALE ANIMALS IN THE COUNTRY WILL BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION. UNQUOTE KINZHUBER

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